

FOR U. S. SENATOR

Those who know Walter S. Dickey know that he is, first of all, a patriot and after that a Republican whose devotion to his party is based on his conviction that it stands for what is best in Nation and State and who is therefore incapable of being swerved from party loyalty by any consideration of merely personal ambition or aggrandizement, either for himself or anybody else. That's the sort of Republican Walter S. Dickey has always been. He gave the party more than thirty years of unselfish and forceful service before he became a candidate for favors at its hands. Mr. Dickey is a candidate for the nomination for United States Senator because assurances have come to him from all parts of the state that his nomination will strengthen the ticket and help to guarantee its victory. He considers that no man ought to be nominated for any office unless he is the strongest man that can be chosen for that place, because he regards Republican victory this year of more importance than any man's personal ambition.

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Political Announcements

THE BLADE is authorized to announce
CHARLES K. HART

a candidate for prosecuting attorney of Linn county subject to the approval of the republican voters at the August primary.

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GEO. W. ANDERSON

a candidate for sheriff of Linn county subject to the approval of the republican voters at the August primary.

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The First Test

The first test to show the alignment of the voters of the country on the national issues of the year came the other day in West Virginia, where a by-election was held to fill the seat in congress made vacant by the death of Representative 'Junior' Brown. The republican nomination was achieved only after a spirited contest—which is in itself indicative of the political trend of the times, republican nominations are well worth contesting for this year—and the party went into the canvass with united ranks and with full courage. The democrats sent some of their best campaigners into the district to preach the doctrine of Wilsonian prosperity, and there was no lack of funds to carry on an animated propaganda for the democratic candidate. But West Virginia, though a mineral state and was thus sharing in the fictitious prosperity created by the European war, has a memory which runs back of the last dividend or the latest pay-envelope and her voters remembered the days of 1913 and 1914, when butchery in Europe had not brightened the business sky in America—and the republican candidate was elected.

As the state election in Oregon in the spring of 1888, foretold the fate of the first Cleveland administration and as the Rhode Island spring election of 1896 spelled the doom of the second Cleveland regime, so this congressional election in West Virginia this year is prophetic of the general result at the polls in November.

More Watchless Waiting

It seems to be the habit of members of the Wilson administration to read important papers hastily

and then forget their contents. Many months ago Admiral Fiske wrote an extended report upon naval needs, and presented it in person to Secretary Daniels who read it, had it filed and then later denied that he had ever seen it. Now comes the information that a national organization of chemists made a careful compilation of facts showing that a dye industry in this country could, upon a week's notice, be transformed into an explosive factory with a capacity of 20,000 shells per day. These facts were submitted to President Wilson, handed by him to a cabinet officer, by whom they were handed to a bureau chief who, in turn sent them to a subordinate who wrote a formal note of acknowledgement. And the administration has done nothing further about it except defeat Senator Lodge's amendment for a tariff that would build up a dye industry. If we want cheap preparedness we shall never get it more easily or more quickly or establish it more permanently than through an extensive dye industry. But we can hope for that under a democratic administration.

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